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### The First Christmas Night

*I should like to have heard the Angels sing,  
On that first great Christmas morn,  
To have knelt and listened to music so  
sweet,  
O'er the Babe in Bethlehem born.*

*But I may sing of that Babe today,  
Oh, so tender, so kind, so fair  
And the angels still gladden our Christmas  
morn,  
And sing in our midnight air.*

*I should like to have seen that manger crib,  
To have knelt before that shrine,  
To have laid my gift at those tender feet,  
And have worshipped the Babe divine.*

*But I may worship that Babe today,  
And as truly my Christmas see,  
For His presence is now my Bethlehem,  
And His love shall my carol be.*

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dec. 24, 1938

**NOTICES***"To stir you up by putting you in remembrance," 2 Peter 1:12.***Special Notice**

Dear friends and members of the Church of God in the state of Florida, greetings: I wish to put before you a proposition which I feel is a very worthy one. We have a student in Bible School at Sevierville, Tenn. who is really interested in her work and is making good, according to reports from Brother Tharp, superintendent of the school. Her name is Brady Tharp. Many of you are acquainted with her and some of you have had her in your churches for revivals. She had some very successful revivals last year. Her finance will not permit her to remain until the closing of the term. She is not willing to go in debt unless she can be assured of means to settle at closing of term. I think it is a very noble principle in anyone to be considerate about making debts. This is commendable in Sister Brady but I do not feel she should have to leave school when just a little help from her friends would take care of her obligations for this term. It will be a real investment for you if you feel like helping her in this time of need. She did not ask me to write this but I felt if her friends knew her condition they would not want her to leave school because of lack of funds. Will you please pray about this and if God lays it upon your heart to give, just send it to Zeno C. Tharp, Church of God Bible Training School, Sevierville, Tenn. and state that it is to help Sister Brady Tharp. I am sure it will be highly appreciated.

—Sincerely, E. M. Ellis.

To the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's in Virginia: The state Sunday School banner goes to Martinsville for the month of December with an increase of 92½ per cent. Monarat came second with an increase of 42½ per cent.

The state Y. P. E. banner goes to Radford with an increase of 52 per cent. I wonder who will get them next month. Come on, Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's. Let's do our best and see if we can't bring the national banners back to Virginia next year.—Brother W. H. Ward, state Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent, Box 375, Pulaski, Va.

To the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's in Texas: Greetings in Jesus' name. I am mailing a new supply of Sunday School and Y. P. E. report cards to the pastors for them to give to the superintendents of Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's to make monthly reports to the state superintendent, Brother J. C. Thompson, 2700 Ferris St., Dallas, Tex.

as he is our state superintendent of both Sunday School and Y. P. E. We want the pastors to insist that these reports be made promptly the first of each month. Let us all be loyal in this good work and have better Sunday Schools and Young People's Endeavors.—Faithfully, H. N. Scoggs, overseer of Texas.

I thank Sister Lizzie Renaw and family for Evangelists, and Sisters Grace Robertson and Magalen Frank for their kindness. I will appreciate good letters and reading; will exchange letters and books. Please write me. Merry Christmas and happy new year to all in Jesus' name.—John H. Rutherford, Camp Kilby, Montgomery, Ala.

On Dec. 18 we started a revival at Pine Grove church. If anyone feels led to come and help, please do so. We are looking for one of the greatest revivals that has ever been at Pine Grove. Pray for us.—G. W. Padgett, pastor and district pastor, Double Springs, Ala.

If someone feels led to come here and run us a revival, please do so. Please let us know at once if you come. We need a good Church of God preacher.—Mrs. R. H. Myers, Donalsonville, Ga.

We are starting a revival Jan. 1 with Brother J. D. Coleman as evangelist. Please pray for God to save many souls. Many are being healed every Thursday night at 7:30 C. S. T. Please pray with us at that time. Please note if you want an answer, also please enclose stamp. Whatever you need, God is able to supply. Pray with us on Thursday night and don't forget to pray for our revival.—Roy J. Young, pastor, Box 334, Slaton, Tex.

To whom it may concern: My new address is Marked Tree, Ark., Gen. Del. —W. C. Howard.

To whom it may concern: My address is changed from 775 Harvard St., Akron, Ohio to 1939 Springfield Road, Akron, Ohio. You who send handkerchiefs, please don't forget it takes stamps to send them back to you. I have been having to furnish stamps for more than half the letters that have come to me in the last few weeks, so please remember to send self-addressed envelopes with stamps for return.—L. G. Rouse.

Anyone desiring my service in revivals for evangelistic service, address Mary Demelie, Route 1, Council Bluffs, Iowa.—Mary Demelie.

To whom it may concern: You who asked me to hold a meeting for you at the General Assembly, get in touch with me. I may be able to give you a short meeting as I am pastoring Eldorado Church of God. I came here Sept. 19 and had a good revival. We have built

a nice four-room parsonage and we are living in it now; it is full furnished. God is blessing the work.

We are having watch night service Dec. 31 at 11:00 p. m., also starting a revival at this time. We are expecting the precious Holy Ghost to hold this meeting. Please pray for this revival and church.—Floyd A. Boger, pastor, R. F. D. 2, Hurlock, Md.

To anyone interested: I have fifty-two copies of the Evangel in good condition and in regular order, that I will send to anyone, postpaid, on receipt of fifty cents.—E. L. Breckenridge, Rt. 1, Box 30, Myrtlewood, Ala.

There will be an all-day service, also a basket dinner, at the Church of God at Sweetwater, Tenn., Christmas Sunday, Dec. 25. There will be special music and good preaching. We especially invite you to come and enjoy the good blessings and fellowship of the saints on this occasion. All singers and musicians, please bring your instruments and music for there will be space given on the program for you.—O. I. Baney, pastor, Sweetwater, Tenn.

My address is no longer Hardburly, Ky. My new address is 402 Broadway, Hazard, Ky.—Mrs. Sarah Wood, evangelist.

For the benefit of my many friends and those wishing to send handkerchiefs for healing and evangelistic work in the church, my address is now Girdler, Ky.—Waldron Asher.

There will be all-day services at Freedom Church of God December 25, at which time we will begin a revival. All churches on the district and all neighboring districts are invited to come and bring a well-filled basket and enjoy the blessings of the Lord for we are expecting a good time in the Lord.—Mrs. R. Mitchell, Emory, Texas.

Dear Evangel family, here it is again. What? Another good opportunity to visit these beautiful islands of the South, where winter is practically turned into summer and also the blessed sunshine of God's sweet presence will warm the coldest hearts.

The Church of God in these islands is about to enter into her 19th annual feast, convening from Jan. 4-8, inclusive, four days and five nights of real feasting with the Lord. God the father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost will be with us, also a beautiful company of guardian angels and a throng of blood-washed souls. You shall be privileged to enjoy some of the best singing that ever fell from mortal lips, also to hear some of the best Spirit-filled, old time, Pentecostal preachers of

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# A King Born in a Stable

BY J. H. WALKER, General Overseer

*"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever," Isa. 9:6, 7.*

Before going into my text for the message please permit me to express my most hearty, earnest, and sincere Christian greetings to all throughout the entire world. May these holidays in which we commemorate the birth of the Son of God be the most happy, refreshing, and soul-encouraging moments of the entire year as you worship the Babe of Bethlehem.

I, your General Overseer of the Church of God, extend my official as well as my personal greetings to the general officials, to the Councillors, missionaries, state overseers, district overseers, pastors, deacons, evangelists, exhorters, and all of our laity of every nation, tongue and people throughout the entire world. May God bless you.

The old prophet stood as it were upon the mount of inspiration and looked down the dark valley of seven hundred and thirty-eight years and saw the coming of the Messiah. He gazed upon the circumstances of His birth, the trials and tests of life, possibly he caught a glimpse of His tragic death and exclaimed, "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given."

Had Christ come to us as He went away His mission would have been a failure, had He descended from Heaven in full manhood, we would have held Him as a stranger, a mere visitor. He would have been WITH US but not OF US. Please notice the announcement, that "UNTO US a child is born." Here our nature is met at once. The baby that is born into the home receives the homage of every heart in that home; even grandparents adore the little infant and in a way he rules by his innocence and helplessness. Thus Christ, in order to become our King, put Himself in that relationship which commands our heart's warm affection and our service. He reigns in our hearts, a love that is unwavering and a devotion that will serve even until death.

The circumstances of the birth of Jesus are quite unique. The birth of earthly kings is always attended by great royalty and display. Lords and nobles wait in adjoining rooms. Messen-

gers are ready to speed forth the news to the entire world. Great preparation of the most efficient and capable persons available are used in spreading this news. But take a look at our Christ, born in a stable, not a palace, not amidst all the finery of earth, not with all the aid and comfort the world could offer. In fact, there was no room for Him in the inn. But His birth was not unannounced because the announcement of His coming was made by an angel. Later, upon His arrival, a host of angels made an announcement to the shepherds, and gave specific instructions as to where the Messiah of all mankind could be found, then in ecstatic praise exclaimed, "Glory to God in the highest; peace on earth, good will toward men." The shepherds ran to behold their Messiah. A great star so definitely led the wise men from Babylon as they traveled for months to find this King, and yet, all round Him were milling throngs of people who were not conscious of His being in their midst. But, oh! How we thank God for the gift of His Son and that He was born among such humble folk in this lowly way.

We are so thankful that He still dwells among us, even though the millions of earth are not conscious of His being in our midst. Our hearts swell with gratitude and burst forth in song as we exclaim with the angels, "Glory to God in the highest." It is not strange that the world does not recognize Jesus today, they didn't then. Those to whom He came as a light, rejected, put the light out, thus they remained in darkness. Those whom He came to bless treated Him as a curse and hanged Him between two thieves.

The more we love Him and have our lives molded to His will, the more foolish and despised and rejected will we be among men of this world. The world knows not God. It is still in arms against Him, seeking to destroy and stamp from earth His great work.

"Unto us a son is given," a son received! There are many homes that fortune smiles upon and wealth abides in that have never been gladdened by the gift of a babe. Homes where the sunshine of a child's face and the ripple of a child's laughter have never come. No tiny fingerprints on the window-pane, nor the echo of a child's merriment through the silent hall. Other homes where a little child was but now is gone. There remains, possibly, a tiny portrait on the wall which causes the parents' eyes to moisten and their spirits to become hushed as they linger at the scene. The coming of a little babe

brings a warmth and light of love which entwines our hearts and greatly affects our lives.

God has given us His Son, the most precious gift in all the world. God in His infinite, ineffable greatness manifested His loving kindness in a degree beyond all measure. What He gave, not because it was His duty to give, but simply as the text says, "For God so loved the world that he gave," thus it is through love. God is a giver who begrudges not His gifts but delights in bestowing them. He gives on account of endless divine love. There is no other virtue so glorious as love. What we dearly love we are ready to defend and protect at the risk of our lives. Patience, chastity, temperance, etc., are also praiseworthy virtues but cannot be compared with love. She is queen over them all and comprehends them all. So the Bethlehem Babe was God's gift to the age and a babe for every babeless home to be a blessing to every home on earth. Bereaved mother, He is yours. He is your comforter and takes the place of the dear "wee one" that went from your bosom back to God. This Babe of Bethlehem will brighten every home where sadness has come and grief has found a resting place.

"And the government shall be upon his shoulder." You, no doubt, have noticed how nature wraps and hides its great possibilities. The bread of many generations may be shut in a grain of wheat, ten thousand forests wrapped in one acorn, but grace displays even what nature cannot for the greatest of all possibilities of the eternities were wrapped up in an infant's tiny form. Just think in that lowly manger lay a little one whom God has said "the government shall be upon his shoulder." The ensign of government, the scepter, the sword, the key or the like, which was born upon or hung from the shoulder of great, natural, historical leaders, only helps us to understand that His government shall be upon His shoulder. We are told that the ancient keys were made of wood, were very large, and many times borne on the shoulder, which was proof that the bearer had access to, and the authority to go in and out and to lock and unlock the storehouses of provisions and the treasures to all who are rightfully entitled to them. So fitting to Jesus is the expression, for He carries the key to all of our hearts' needs, thus, "The government shall be upon his shoulder."

His is the Universal Government; the grand enterprises of the Godhead of the ages of the past and ages to come, the destiny of all the dead, the living and yet unborn, the unsettled issue of ages, the resurrection call, the millennial reign, the day of doom, and the march

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## EDITORIALS

### Greetings

We wish to extend Christmas greetings to all of our brothers, sisters, and friends on the field. We appreciate so much your loyal support given us these years. You have helped to make the work what it is today. The work in the Publishing House has increased until it has almost doubled. We attribute this largely to the support of the people on the field. May the richest blessings of our heavenly Father be upon every one of you, and we wish for you a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

### God's Love For The Fallen Race

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," John 3:16.

Over nineteen hundred years ago God's love for the lost and dying world was manifested in the gift of His only begotten Son. There is no love among humanity that is so great. Abraham was the only human that ever lived that manifested such love, and he represented God in his great work of obedience and bringing into existence a nation through which God's plan and purpose could be manifested, for it was his seed that gave birth to Christ.

### Making Others Happy

"For ye have the poor always, and whosoever ye will ye may do them good," Mark 14:7.

In return to our heavenly Father for His wonderful gift, it will be our duty to give to the poor and needy. It is all right to exchange presents and give to those who may expect something from you, but if you want to be like our heavenly Father, you should see that the poor and less fortunate have something to make them happy. Never in the history of our lives have the poor needed our help as they do now. So

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We will do our best to keep from making mistakes, but if we make a mistake, we will take pleasure in correcting it if you notify us.

We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield, if nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help us make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

This paper reserves the right to condense reports, testimonies, etc., to a conformity of a proper allowance of space.

come, let us make sunshine for them on Christmas Day. Many will feel forsaken and downcast, but we can make them glad. God has provided joy through His Son for us; let us take of the things that we have, which are gifts from God, and make the needy feel that somebody cares.

### Our Worship

"O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker," Psa. 95:6.

Christmas Day should be a day of worship. We should bow before the Lord and thank Him with all our hearts for His gift to man. I am a firm believer in kneeling before the Lord when we pray. There may not be anything in the position, whether standing or kneeling, but prophets of old bowed before the Lord and many of them fell on their faces during the worship. I imagine when the wise men came to see Jesus that they knelt around Him and gave Him the best that they had—gold, frankincense, and myrrh. I believe the greatest joy that could come to the hearts of Christians would be to meet together and pray for hours on this blessed day.

Many years ago when the writer was a young man, our pastor invited us to meet him at the little church on Christmas morning. That prayer meeting lasted nearly all day. I feel that this would be the most profitable way to spend Christmas Day. Of course on the day before Christmas our presents should be delivered to the needy, then there would be nothing else to do on that day but worship God and thank Him for His gift to the world.

### Feasting

Christmas Day should be a day of rejoicing and feasting. It is not wrong to provide the good meals and fruits and in fact anything that is nourishing to the body, but we should be careful and not make feasting the center of attraction or the paramount joy of this day. With all the good things that may be provided for us, we should hold upper-

most in our minds and hearts the value of God's gift to us. No good thing will He withhold from them that love Him and walk uprightly. Many, no doubt, will invite the poor to their meals on this day.

The writer knew a wealthy woman who had hundreds of thousands of dollars, and she devoted Christmas Day solely to feeding the poor of the village. She had a corps of servants in her home but she waited on these people herself, and took the place that day of a servant. She was the most beloved woman in that little village and everybody looked forward to her counsel and advice.

We can make people happy in many ways. Above everything we should exemplify Christ. Heaven is filled with beauty and the streets are paved with gold. God does not need our gifts and contributions in heaven, but as oft as we do these good deeds unto some of His little children we are doing them unto Him.

### Revelry

There will be many things done on Christmas Day that are not for God's glory. Ere the sun goes down on this precious day, many will have lived so far from God until they will not feel that degree of reverence as they should. I think the shooting of firecrackers and explosives and things like that certainly are out of place on this sacred day. Some people will dress up in fantastic style and spend the day in sin and revelry and set a bad example to the young, and oh, so many things that will not glorify God. I believe in making this day a bright, happy, and glorious day, but we do not find anywhere that the early Christians ever celebrated this day in that way. I don't think we ought to have a long face and spend the day in sorrow, but there ought to be a joyous, happy, glad greeting of each other that will manifest a real spirit of appreciation and love for this wonderful gift that God has given us. But millions will spend this day without any degree of holy reverence. They seem to think that this is a day to frolic and carry on social activities without any thought of what the day means. How sad this is! I pray that God will bring us to sober thoughts and may we have that glad, happy attitude that will prove to the world how much we do appreciate our Savior.

### Temperance

"Who bath woe? who bath sorrow?  
who bath contentions? who bath bab-  
bling? who bath wounds without cause?  
who bath redness of eyes? They that  
tarry long at the wine; they that go  
to seek mixed wine. Look not thou  
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### WHAT MAY BE SAID OF YOU WHEN GONE?

Much is said of one during this life, but never is one thought of and spoken of in the manner they are until after they have gone on. But what most should concern us, is what and how we do while we are living. Job said, "My witness is in heaven, and my record is on high." It has been said that the influence of our works lives on after we are gone, and true it is. One writer said, "Their works do follow them." Another place it states that they will be judged according to their works.

While it is true works alone are insufficient, yet how important. Some would be prominent and strive to build a reputation of high standing while here, but I believe the reward of a smart, humble child of God is of far more value, for if we are to be judged according to our works (and not according to our proper language, dress, reputation, etc.) then had we not better be more interested in working faithfully? If God took note of the works the harlot Rahab, (even though a sinner), also Cornelius, and many others, surely He is watching over our life today. I have so often wondered what could a poor, proud, lazy soul, striving for reputation, hope to receive as a reward.

Jeremiah said, "Thy words shall be rewarded." I have always had the greatest degree of respect for those who have borne the burden and heat of the day, work then for the night is coming, and whatsoever thy hands find to do, do it.

Recently we were called upon, by special request, to conduct the funeral of my wife's mother, Mrs. W. J. David, although a sad task yet a comfort beneath all. I felt it an honor to have been blessed with such a good mother-in-law. I looked upon her cold form, and then used for a text, as the Lord seemed to direct us, Rev. 14:13, "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." She certainly was a smart woman. She prepared many, many times for God's servants, and was greatly used of the Lord. She shouted, testified, visited the sick, encouraged the faint, witnessing to both black and white, of His goodness. When they would move into a new neighborhood, it was not long before she had a prayer service started, and soon a revival, and was the cause of a number of churches being organized. The Lord always has a job for and can use smart people. Although she never received any papers, neither a dollar for her service, I am sure she will be rewarded in that day, and I am sure her reward will be as

rich as possibly some bishops in the Church. She was saved and sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and joined the Church of God about thirty years ago. She was strong in the faith, also a strong believer in the Church of

God and its teachings. She suffered much persecution from time to time, and suffered much in her body, but her suffering is over. It is true she died in the hospital in Jacksonville, Fla., as she

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Church of God, Columbus, Ga.

### Home Coming a Great Success at Columbus, Ga. Followed by a Revival.

The meeting convened at 9:45 a. m. and lasted all day, closing at 9:00 p. m. The service was good and we had a fine congregation, with plenty to eat at noon. Brother Neighbors from Alabama preached at 11:45 a. m. God blessed in the message. There was good singing, shouting, and praying. The fine string band music was enjoyed. Brother Odom from LaGrange, with the electric guitar, and a local band, The Smoky Mountaineers, rendered some fine music. Even though sinners, we are proud of them. The speakers for the day were Bob Helton and Brother Odom of LaGrange, Olin Smith, Brother Kingston, and Brother Brown from Lindale, and Brother Southerland from Cartersville. We were also glad to have a number of the sisters from Rome. God is blessing at Columbus so pray for us.—W. H. Black, pastor.



Old Sam Jones Methodist Church building now being used for worship by Rockmart, Ga., Church of God. Insert is the pastor, J. R. Chambers.

The Church of God at Rockmart, Ga., was set in order in February, 1937, with eleven members and at this meeting there were thirty-four or thirty-five. The tithes for the past two months have averaged \$60.00 a month. Our latest revival, only a few weeks past, was a success, with several receiving the Holy Ghost. One of them was a man almost seventy-six years of age. The church has a wonderful outlook as there is no other Pentecostal church here.—J. R. Chambers, pastor.

## News From the MISSION Field

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

### Green Turtle Cay, Abaco Showered With Blessings

BY PAUL H. WALKER

#### Foreign Mission Field Representative

The last two services in Nassau were blessed, numbers came to the altar to seek the Lord, many for salvation. We were delayed a day from leaving for Green Turtle Cay on account of stormy weather. It was still stormy when we did leave and yours truly was rocked in the cradle of the deep as the Priscilla rolled and pitched in the troubled waters.

We arrived in Green Turtle Cay in time for the prayer meeting on Friday night. Saturday a number of the Christians from Coopers Town came over by boat for the week-end services. Saturday night was blessed, the house was packed and many standing outside, several came to the altar and one received the Holy Ghost. We had three services on Sunday and one was saved Sunday morning, also one was saved in her home on Sunday morning. In the afternoon we spoke on the teachings of the Church, and Sunday night on the Holy Ghost. The altar was filled Sunday night. At least seven or eight found the Lord. Monday night the place was filled and many outside at each window and both doors. The altar was filled again and all told there must have been fifteen or twenty saved. A hungrier people for the gospel I have never seen. When I went to board the boat on Tuesday an old colored lady came to me with tears running down her cheeks and said, "Brother Walker, my daughter was sweeping the floor and was under such conviction she couldn't finish but fell on dem knees of hers and got saved and is right now praising the Lord."

I arrived at the dock and it was packed with people to see us off. As we boarded the little boat to go out to the Priscilla the people wept and said, "God be with you till we meet again," and as the little boat pulled away the folks waved us a farewell as far out as we could see them nearly. Never have I wanted to stay and preach the message as I did that morning at Green Turtle Cay. Dear ones, eternity alone will tell the good your money does for the mission cause. When you get over there and meet some of these humble, God-fearing people who have found the Lord because of your interest in missions, you then and then alone will realize what great good a little sacrifice and effort

on your part has done.

On my way back to Nassau we stopped at little island stations and I went ashore and talked with the dear ones about their souls and they wept and begged me to stay with them and tell the story. I prayed with some out in the street as a little boy was sick and we encouraged them to look to the Lord. Where else can they look? There are no cars in Green Turtle Cay, and no horses or mules. Just a few people of three or four hundred living on a lonely island. Hardly any uplifting environment of any kind, and if ever the Church of God had opportunities to get souls to God it is in the Bahamas.

We arrived in Nassau, N. P., last night in time for meeting, and had a blessed service. Eight came to the altar for salvation. We were able to get the title to a good church property in Coopers Town, also more securely fixed the property at Green Turtle Cay. Brother W. R. Franks, the overseer, was with us and he is doing a good work here in the Bahamas. We are leaving today for Eleuthera. Pray for us.

#### Letter From China

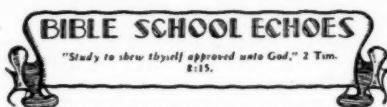
Beloved brethren, greetings. As I read the Church of God Evangel, Vol. 29, No. 28, I saw a call to service, and a call to service is needed in these days of world crisis and ever-deepening unrest among the nations. A rousing call is needed throughout the whole Church of God, to rally all forces together for a supreme effort to speed forth, as never before, the proclamation of the gospel message in all lands. The solemn responsibility resting upon us in view of the present situation in the world, and in the Church, is not sufficiently realized. It is said that the majority of Christian people seem to be utterly indifferent to the trend of modern events. It is appalling to think of this widespread indifference to the pressing needs of these solemn times in which we are living. It is of vital importance that we do not let slip from us the wonderful opportunities of this hour. The Lord has led the Council of Twelve to see the need of the Church of God Bible Training School and many others see it and joined in the \$50.00 drive. We out in China set this day to daily pray that the Master will lead our friends and we do trust that our Christmas gifts will be such that we can send in our \$50.00. The urgency of the matter cannot be overestimated. It is truly said that "nearly everything in our modern life is being

speeded up, except the preaching of the gospel." Surely this should call forth deep heart-searching before God. The time is short, as I often say, hence the supreme need for increased prayer, and for the furtherance of evangelistic effort in all lands still open to the gospel, as well as the homeland. Our leaders intend to give the God-called men and women the needed training. Can we say no?

The present opportunities constitute a challenge to the whole Church of God. The burning question of the moment is whether she will respond or not. In the balance are tremendous issues, which are bound to have far-reaching results for the kingdom of God. The need for a forward movement in all work is imperative, and nothing else will meet the situation. We must all awake to the duties and responsibilities of this present time of emergency, and seize the fast-fleeting opportunities, or we shall lose them forever. Surely the call comes, as never before, to surrender ourselves wholeheartedly to God for the work of His Church, and His kingdom, so that our time, our money, and all our earthly possessions, are recognized as His. Let us be willing for the utmost sacrifice at any cost. The Church of God faces the fact that so many have failed to fulfill the divine commission to "preach the gospel to every creature." The utterly inadequate response, either as to personal service or means to support those that God has set over us, calls for the deepest concern. Now the urgency of the present situation is intensified. The doors for gospel witnesses seem fast closing. Each hour that remains to us for service is fraught (laden) with tremendous possibilities for the kingdom, but what is to me our response to the challenge of this present crisis?

Are we really concerned over the appalling needs of the unreached millions who are still lying in heathen darkness, superstition and sin? Christ died for all mankind, and every soul has a right to hear the glorious news of full and free salvation in Him. Our responsibility, therefore, to the non-Christian world is overwhelming, whether we realize it or not. Foremost, let us place prayer as pre-eminently the highest service we can render in missionary enterprise. Never was the call to prayer more urgent and pressing than it is today. Yet, how comparatively few are the intercessors who count prayer as a ministry, and cry unto God day and night for the fulfillment of His purposes? True prayer is costly, for in this service "we wrestle . . . against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" Eph. 6:12. These are the invisible foes of the prayer

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Jam., B. W. I.

**Report From Charlottetown, P. E. I., Canada**

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Canada.—Dear Evangel readers, brothers and sisters everywhere: We truly praise God for His love, mercy and keeping power. Once more we are on Prince Edward Island, trying to do something for God and to build up a work that will be standing when Jesus comes to take His Bride from the Church of God, which I love and have the opportunity of representing to the people here.

There is a great need of the old time gospel here. The majority of the people here are members of the church their grandparents attended and do not seem to realize the need of the wonderful blessings that God is pouring out in these last days, but we thank God for the few who desire the truth and are seeking for the deeper experiences. We notice that God always has a few in every field in these closing days who are desirous for the truth and will support His work.

Truly we who love His Church need to unite our prayers and efforts against the wiles of the enemy. We are hindered here in many ways, the snow is deep now, therefore we cannot get to many places where the people are calling for us to visit and have prayer services. But the Church of God is the only Pentecostal people on the island at present, so pray that God will work in a mighty way and save souls here.

If anyone has any old Lighted Pathways, Evangel, or, in fact, any Church of God literature, we wish you would send it to us to distribute here, as there is a great work that can be done along this line. We would be very pleased to hear from anyone wishing to write us.

—R. E. Lear, 220 Fitzroy St.

GIBSON, Ga.—We praise our God for one whom we can rely upon in all our trials. Praise be His name. Our little boy was taken very sick and the sickness lasted for one and one-half weeks. We were holding on to God in his behalf all the time as we were completely trusting Him. No one around here trusts God for his entire family, so we received some right sharp persecutions.

After one and one-half weeks of suffering we saw he couldn't stand much more and one Wednesday morning we saw unless He came quickly the baby was gone, so wife and I really got down to business and the Lord wonderfully healed. In a few minutes he was trying to play. He's never gained all of his strength but God gave the victory.

Pray for us to be the lights He's wanting in this benighted age.—Ira J. Hand, Rt. 2.

**CORRESPONDENCE DEPT.**

Dear Brother:

Words cannot express the enjoyment and good that I am receiving from this course.

I really have received some great blessings in studying about how God was with those of old, knowing He will be with us in these days if we will walk in obedience as they did.

I find this a great help in teaching my Sunday School class, and in being a leader of young people's service.

I have read nearly all the Bible in the past, but while studying this I have found out many things that I have never noticed before.

I also enjoy committing to memory the Bible verses.

When I have finished one book I can hardly wait to receive the next.

I desire your prayers that God will help me to remember every thing I learn in this course.—Yours in Christ, Laura Griggs.

**Correspondence Appreciated in Jamaica**

Precious greetings to all the students of B. T. S., also the students of the Correspondence Course.

Let me sound a note of praise to God for still being a member and bishop of the good old Church of God, also a student of the B. T. S. Correspondence Course. Oh, I am glad for the course, although I am not yet through, for I have learned much since taking the course. I am getting a better understanding. Glory to His name. Oh, it is worth more than the amount charged.

Brother ministers in the States and foreign fields, if you are desirous of being a real volunteer for God and you cannot go to B. T. S., please try the course. For one who knows the worth of education the price is very reasonable. Don't miss it. Start right away in faith and show your works. O brethren, it is worth more than the money. Just begin now.

Let me also join in giving thanks for the new home of the B. T. S. Say boys and girls in the States, also the officials, we in Jamaica are feeling proud of the new home. Although we are not over there, yet we are having sweet enjoyments through the Evangel.

Say students, when you boys pray, please remember C. A. Morris, a very, very determined brother in Jamaica. Please pray also for our dear territorial overseer, H. A. Hudson, a real example to us ministers in the island.

Cheerio, B. T. S. students!—C. A. Morris, Grantham P. O., Clarendon,

# ★ YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT ★

## ETERNAL LOVE

By GWENDOLYN EDGE

The mansions shine bright in the light  
Of eternal love; they sparkle as rainbow jewels  
Set in a chalice of pure gold; streets  
As molten streamlets of gold, trodden by beings  
More dazzling to look upon than the sun  
That shines at noonday, more fair  
Than the moon's soft light that heals the heart;  
Trees whose healing leaves are for the nations bare  
fruits

Of love and virtues born of heaven; rivers of life  
Pure and clear as a crystal flowed from the throne;  
Music as wrought only by heaven's own host  
Fills the air as a sweet vapor, a fragrant perfume,  
Mingling with praises from the foot of the throne.

Great Jehovah sits upon the throne,  
The All-Creator; at His right hand His Son,  
Light of Heaven, beloved of all the angels,  
Adored by seraphs, worshiped by cherubim;  
From the throne a light clear and radiant  
Sheds love and mercy o'er heaven and earth.  
The all-seeing eye of the heavenly Father  
Seeks out hearts in the far corners of the earth,  
Searches them for good. With the loving kindness  
Of a father, the forgiveness of a mother,  
He stretches His long arm of mercy; they heed not.

"Who is good in all the earth, who will heed  
My laws? They have turned aside.  
They sin, they have forgotten their God  
Who led them from bondage, who promised  
A heritage to the seed of Abraham;  
They turn aside unto strange gods.  
Gods of silver, of gold, of brass. Burnt offerings  
Suffice not. Can the blood of goats  
Take away the sin of my people  
Made in our own likeness? Nay,  
Who is worthy in all heaven to save them,  
To redeem the immortal souls of men?  
These mansions beautiful, and the sun,  
Are as mortal dust compared to everlasting souls.  
Michael, my beloved angel, Gabriel,  
Ah, they are not worthy, not pure enough  
For the Savior of my people. There is one,  
One in all heaven, worthy, pure, holy, loving."

"Father, it is I. I will be their sacrifice;  
I will shed my blood for their redemption;  
Upon the altars of heathen I will die;  
I will give my heart to the sinful.  
They who transgress thy laws I shall wash  
In My blood. Through Me they shall enter  
Into the joys of heaven, the Light of thy face,  
They shall be saved!"

Ah, Love Divine, Love Eternal,  
That thou should come to earth  
To bear the trials, insults of men,  
Be born of lowly birth  
To save my soul from sin.

The night was crisp and still; the skies  
Were clear as a sapphire, studded  
With diamonds that twinkle and sparkle  
Down upon the sleeping world. There seemed  
A holy hush o'er all as if heaven waited,  
Expecting; as if angels in reverence stood  
Looking upon the earth with bowed heads,  
Folden wings; as if the heavenly Father  
Breathed peace and love into the dreams  
Of mortal man. The white sheep  
Silhouetted against the dark blue  
Of the night, grazed sleepily or drowsed  
In the velvet grass. The shepherds slept,  
Peacefully dreaming, perhaps, of the promises,  
Vows of their God to His people, of a Messiah  
Who was to come. Just before the dawn  
When the earth is darkest, when the skies  
Are shadowed before the first red fingers  
Of Aurora reach from the east, a light,  
Not the crimson light of an early dawn,  
But a glow as when the sun strikes metal,  
Sending forth rays of silver, shone  
From the dark skies. The shepherds  
Aroused, started speechless with wonder,  
With fear. Soft heavenly music  
Filled the crisp air; angels descended  
The golden stairways of love, the link  
Between heaven and earth; they breathed  
A song into the sleeping hearts of men,  
In their souls they planted hope.  
The notes of that song resounded o'er all  
The earth, its echoes reached on and on to us,  
"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth  
Peace, good will toward men."

A star, ah, bright and shining diadem,  
Lit the west with hope; wise men

Saw and understood, followed it,  
Moving on and on until it shed  
All the radiance of its glory  
On a stable. Ah, thing so mean,  
Was palace for the Prince of Glory,  
With all the host of heaven and stars  
At His command; ah, manger.  
The feeding place of sheep and goats,  
Sacrificial offerings for sin, in Thee  
Lay the Lamb of God who taketh away  
The sin of the world. Angels watched,  
Hovering over the hallowed place  
Where lay the Prince of heaven.

**PART II**  
The sun has hidden its face; the skies  
Are darkened as at night; all heaven  
Is in mourning; God has turned  
From this grim deed, the angels dare not look;  
Lightnings flash, thunders pour out their wrath;  
The earth trembles as in fear of the Almighty God.  
Hark! "My God, My God, why hast thou  
Forsaken me?" See, there He dies,  
Upon the cross, alone, forsaken, the Savior  
Of men. Again above the thundering, "It is fin-  
ished!"

Ah, Love Divine, Love Eternal,  
That thou should die for me;  
Bear the agony of cruel death  
On the cross of Calvary.

The morning was crisp and still with hope  
Of a new day; the rays of morning  
In all their splendor made rainbows  
Of promise in the east; soft breezes  
Stirred leaves, birds chirped merrily  
On bush and twig; all nature seemed in tune  
With heaven. A holy stillness in the air;  
As on that long ago Christmas morn angels  
Seemed hovering near. A messenger from the throne  
Moved away the stone that imprisoned  
The Savior's body and spoke the words  
That have meant freedom to all spirits  
Bound by sin, "He is risen!"

Great rejoicing in heaven  
When the Son returned triumphant  
O'er sin and death, to sit again  
At the right hand of the great Jehovah.  
Great rejoicing among the angels  
That the sons of men were redeemed,  
Saved by the blood of the Lamb  
Slain as from the foundation of the world.  
Great rejoicing on earth when the echoes  
Of that almost-forgotten song  
Was again whispered to the hearts of men,  
"Glory to God in the highest and on earth  
Peace, good will toward men."

### NOTES OF PRAISE

*"For praise is comedy for the upright."  
Prov. 31:31.*

BEAR CREEK, Ala.—I praise the Lord for salvation and for His healing power. After having about fifty-one chills the Lord came on the scene, the chills stopped and I'm improving now. It's a privilege to trust God for our healing and through His mercy He always cares for His children.

Pray for me that I'll soon gain my strength and be on the battlefield again.—Clyde Holland, Rt. 1, Box 71.

### He Will Stand By Us

SHAW, Miss.—I praise the Lord for His great love and care for His children. He will certainly stand by us when all earthly friends have failed. I know He does for I have tried Him many times. I have been in this good way for over thirty years and have gone through many hard tests, but I find Him dearer to me each day. I praise Him for His

wonderful healing power and His will to heal us if we will just obey His Word and let Him have His way in our lives. Praise His name.

Dear ones, the reason we fail to get results is because we say many times, Lord, Lord, and fail to do the things He says for us to do. If we will be sure we are in the center of His will and are willing to have patience to wait on Him and be an example in His hands to others, we can just look for great things. Many times we become afflicted for the good of others and when we become afflicted, after we have searched ourselves and then obeyed the Word, sent for the saints and had them pray for us, we can lay quietly and watch the Lord work.

I know this to be a fact and I am praising our precious Lord for the way He has healed in my family this year. In July my husband took very sick with something like lobar pneumonia and was down for weeks. No one thought he would ever recover, but we just followed out the Word, tried to be sure we had left off nothing and the Lord wonderfully came on the scene and healed him. Then a few weeks ago he and I both became ptomaine poisoned very suddenly and we were very low. We saw we were not going to be here long if we kept on sinking but it did not disturb our faith. We obeyed the Word and even made arrangements for our little son to be taken to the boys' home and sent out what we thought to be our last phone calls, but God came on the scene and has healed us both. Praise His name.

Please pray for us, we are undergoing some other tests at this time. Pray that we will stand true and that He will give us a church here at this place.—Mrs. L. J. Alexander, Rt. 1.

### What May Be Said of You When Gone?

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was rushed there by her son for the purpose of blood transfusions, after hemorrhages, but her faith was in her God. The wise man said (Prov. 31:31), "And let her own works praise her in the gates." Amen. — Humbly, John L. Stephens, Box 384, Erwin, N. C.

Many people cry and lament over conditions who could remedy the conditions themselves if they were humble enough to submit and thus save their tears and lamentations for something they themselves could not otherwise remedy.

# ★ Boys and Girls ★

## The Baby Jesus

BY IRENE WALES

In the city of Nazareth there lived a sweet and good young girl named Mary. She was soon to be married to a good man named Joseph. One day when she was alone an angel appeared to her and told her that God was pleased with her and would send her a son and that this son would be the Son of God.

Mary was very happy. She wanted to tell someone else. It would be such a great honor to be the mother of Jesus. The angel also told Mary that her cousin, Elizabeth, would have a son. So Mary got ready and went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Mary and Elizabeth were so happy as they talked to each other about what God was going to do for them.

One night an angel appeared unto Joseph in a dream and told him that Mary, who was to be his wife, would have a son and that this son would be the Son of God and would save His people from their sins. He told Joseph to go and marry Mary and when the son was born they must name Him Jesus. So Joseph went and took Mary for his wife as the angel commanded.

Not long after this God sent Elizabeth a little son, whom they named John, as the angel had said he should be named. The angel had also told Zacharias, the father of John, that he would be great in the sight of the Lord and would go before the Lord and prepare the way for Him. That is, John would preach before the Lord did and would tell the people about Him who was coming who would be able to bless them and do more for them than he could. Little John grew up to be a strong and noble man. He loved to be alone so that he could think about God. In a few months Mary and Joseph had to go up to the little town of Bethlehem to pay their taxes. The Roman emperor Caesar Augustus had made a law that all the people over whom he ruled, should go to the city of his forefathers and pay taxes to the Roman government, so Mary and Joseph were not the only ones who went up to Bethlehem to be taxed. They had to travel a good ways and when they got there the town was crowded with people. Every house was full and Mary and Joseph couldn't find any room anywhere, not even at the hotel. They could not stay in the street, so finally somebody told them they could stay in a stable. Here they found a bed of hay.

That night was a blessed night, and that lowly stable became a holy place,

for on that night the Savior of the world was born. God sent His Son into the world to be Mary's baby. They wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in the manger on the soft hay.

There were some shepherds in the fields near Bethlehem, keeping watch over their flocks that night, and suddenly the glory of the Lord shone round about them. A light from heaven, more glorious than the light of the sun, filled the sky. An angel of the Lord appeared unto them. They became afraid, but the angel said, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

Suddenly the sky was filled with angels, praising and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

After the angels had gone back into heaven, the shepherds said one of another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." So they hurried away and came into the town of Bethlehem. They were more interested in finding the Savior of the world now than they were in their flocks.

Sure enough, there in a stable, they found Joseph and Mary with the baby lying in a manger. The shepherds knew by what the angel had told them that this was Jesus, the child who had been promised to their fathers for so many hundreds of years, and when they had seen Him they went out and told the people about what the angel had told them and that they had found the Babe in a manger. The people who heard the shepherds wondered about it. They didn't understand. Though the Jews had been looking for a Messiah, a Deliverer, a King to be born to rule over them, yet they expected He would be born in a palace and be a rich person, and they couldn't think about this baby that was born in a stable and laid in a manger being the One they had been looking for. But the shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had seen and heard.

When the baby was eight days old He was given the name of Jesus, which means Savior. All the children of Israel took their babies up to the temple to present them to the Lord, and offer sac-

rifices, so while Jesus was still a tiny baby they took Him up to the temple to have the priest lay his hands on Him and pray and dedicate Him to the Lord.

In this city there was a very good old man named Simeon. He was among those who had been looking and longing for the promised child. God had told this old man that before he died he would see the Christ child, and God led him to the temple while Joseph and Mary were there with the baby Jesus. As soon as he saw the baby he knew it was the Christ child for whom he had been looking. He took the baby in his arms, and looking up to heaven he told God he was ready to die for he had seen the promised child who was to be the Savior of the world.

There was also a very old lady in the temple, who spent most of her time there praying to God. She saw the baby too and knew that he was the long-promised Savior. She carried the glad news to the people in Jerusalem who had been looking for His coming.

Some wise men in the East saw the beautiful star and came to see Jesus. They brought Him precious gifts and bowed down and worshiped Him.

Christmas is the time we celebrate the birthday of Jesus. We give each other presents and worship the Lord on this day. We enjoy giving our loved ones and friends gifts, but the best gift we can give is to give our hearts and lives to Jesus. We hope that each one of you are very happy at this Christmas time, and don't forget that it is Jesus' birthday that we are celebrating and we should be very careful to do only things that will glorify and please Him. He loves little children. He was once a baby Himself. Aren't we glad that God gave us such a precious gift as Jesus. He is the best friend we can have.

## RADIO BROADCASTS

We will be glad to publish your broadcasts if you will send them in to us.

WRGA, Rome, Ga. The Church of God, A. H. Batts, pastor, each Monday from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

WCSC, Charleston, S. C. 1360 KC, each Sunday from 8:30-9:00 a. m. Church of God, Porter M. White, pastor.

WSPA, Spartanburg, S. C. Each Sunday at 3:00-3:30 p. m. Odis Smith in charge.

WNOX, Knoxville, Tenn. each Saturday at 10:30 a. m. C.S.T., Church of God Bible Training School, Sevierville, Tenn.

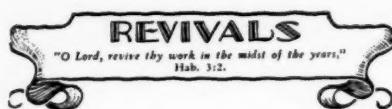
WAPO, Chattanooga, Tenn., Soddy, Daisy and North Chattanooga Churches of God, each Saturday morning from 6:00-6:30.

WBIG, Greensboro, N. C. 1440 KC, each Sunday evening 5:45. A. M. Phillips, pastor.

WATL, 1370 KC, Atlanta, Ga. Church of God, 4:00-4:30 p. m., each Sunday. W. T. Nelson, pastor.

WOPI, Bristol, Tenn., 1500 KC. Each Sunday from 7:15 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. E.S.T. R. C. Cook, pastor.

WBTM, Danville, Va. Each Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. A. A. Stewart, district overseer.



We are happy to report victory here at Statesville, N. C. We closed a wonderful revival Nov. 27. Brother L. H. Powell of Belmont, N. C., did the preaching and he proved to be a blessing to our church and community. He did some real old time, Holy Ghost preaching, which the people here enjoy. There were sixteen souls saved, ten sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost and four added to the church, with others looking this way and expecting to come in soon.

We have a good band of people here to work with. They have stood by us in every way. We surely appreciate and enjoy working with them. We are planning to build our new church building very soon. Pray for us here at Statesville, that we will stay humble and keep the favors of God upon us at all times.—C. R. Jones, pastor, 1127 8th St., Statesville, N. C.

**PHILADELPHIA, Pa.**—God is still blessing in Philadelphia. We just closed a revival conducted by Brother Noble Stern of Meyersdale, Pa. Two were saved, two sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Stern preached very timely messages both to saint and sinner and an invitation is extended to Him to come back.—H. R. Pelton, pastor.

**CRAB ORCHARD, Ky.** — I praise God for the way He is still blessing. I have just closed a revival at Negro Creek church, which ran three weeks. I saw some wonderful works of the hand of God. The power slayed people from the third night on. A sixteen-year-old girl came and got saved and she began pleading for her unsaved father and grandfather to get saved. She fell under the hand of God through the revival. She lay one hundred and sixty-seven hours, day and night. No one could look at her without seeing the power on her. She saw some wonderful scenes in the Lord's word. She was taken to a house close by the church and while the altar call was going on she would talk to the Lord and call the names of her friends that were to go to the altar. She told the folks when she came to how many went to the altar and how many prayed through.

There were thirty-one saved and sanctified, sixteen filled with the Holy Ghost, seventeen added to the Church of God and twelve baptized in water. Many people came every night from far to the meeting to see and wonder about the signs that were by the hands of God.—Preston Lewis, Rt. 2.

**ST. ALBANS, W. Va.**—We have just closed a three weeks' revival. Brother G. W. Grubbs of Pittsburgh, Pa. was the evangelist. Sixteen were saved, four sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost. We love Brother Grubbs, He is a man of God. The work here was in a bad condition but, thank the Lord, Brother Grubbs gave us food for our souls and lifted the church up. The saints were wonderfully blessed. Brother Grubbs' address is Box 63, South Heights, Pa. Pray much for the work here that God's will be done.—Sister Opal Harper.

**SOMERSET, Ky.**—We thank the Lord that we can send a good report of how God has given us such a wonderful revival, which continued four weeks, Brother L. L. Hughes, pastor, doing the preaching. There were twenty-one saved, twenty-one sanctified, twenty filled with the Holy Ghost, fourteen added to the church and the good seed sown from which, by faith, we expect to reap much. The revival closed with hungry souls at the altar. All glory to God.—Mrs. Ida Colyer.

**COSBY, Tenn.**—The Middle Creek Church of God has just closed a five weeks' revival with one saved, four sanctified and four filled with the Holy Ghost. The revival was conducted by Brother George L. Cravens. He surely did some good preaching. Pray much for us that the Lord will continue to bless.—Turner Bryant, clerk.

**MARVEL, Ala.**—We are glad to report victory over sin and the devil at Marvel, Ala. We started a revival here Nov. 1. We had some hard battles with the devil but we didn't lose a battle. Captain Jesus gave us the victory. Brother L. W. Ledbetter did the preaching. Souls got hungry and came falling in the altar. Seven received the Holy Ghost. The day after the revival closed one received the Holy Ghost in prayer meeting. Six were added to the church. We also have a good pastor, Brother Phalen, and his wife who are doing a good work.—Ozero S. Yeager, clerk.

**HAGERSTOWN, Md.** — We thank God for a wonderful revival meeting which began Oct. 12 and closed Nov. 13 by the Poteat evangelistic party. The same night we were evicted from the building because one trustee didn't believe in the Holy Ghost and said we were making too much noise. There were a few saved, several sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost, for which we praise God. Please pray for us that we will get a building soon.

There was a church set in order by our pastor, Brother J. A. Wilson, on Sunday, Oct. 23. The membership is eighteen. This work is growing steadily

for which we are delighted and very thankful to our God. We have a fine pastor and I know the Lord sent him to us as we were going about here and there and didn't know just which church was right but now we are in the Church of God and thank God for it, as we would not be in this way were it not for Brother Wilson.—Miss Mary Martin, 837 Maryland Ave.

**LAKE WALES, Fla.**—We praise the Lord for the successful revival just closed at Lake Wales. We had a wonderful revival conducted by the Rhoden band of Frostproof, Fla. We say the Rhoden band because the whole family were real workers in the meeting. Sister Rhoden surely did some great preaching and the children all play and sing well and they were on the job to fill their places every time. Brother Rhoden with his faithful personal work proved a great blessing in our revival. A number were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, fourteen baptized in water and eighteen added to the church. The town was stirred. The interest was good from the first until the last.

We thank the Lord for the way He is blessing us at Lake Wales and for the dear people here. We have some precious, good prayer warriors here. This is our second pastoral year and we feel like it is going to be far better than the first year. Everybody seems to have a mind to work. We have a good L. W. W. B. also a good Y. P. E. We are expecting many souls to come to Jesus here this year. Please pray for the church at Lake Wales to be a soul saving station.—Mrs. B. W. Watson, 43 Walker St.

**SMITHFIELD, Pa.**—The Uniontown, Pa. Church of God, which is located at High House, Pa., is going over the top for Jesus. A revival closed here Sunday night with twenty saved, seven sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost. God was with us in every service. The power of God was manifested in a great way. One night we had three altar calls. The Holy Ghost worked wonderfully. Brother Walter Skutar was our evangelist. God used him in a wonderful way. He preaches with power. You wouldn't make a mistake by securing him for a revival. His address is Aliquippa, Pa. or 481 Harmony Ave., c/o Frank Petruccelli, Rochester, Pa. He is nineteen years of age but he can certainly preach. The power of God backs him up and he is consecrated.

We have a good band of saints here and God certainly is blessing us together. We thank God for what has been accomplished. Pray for us.—Mrs. Rose (Lucia) Short and husband, pastor, R. D. 2, c/o J. E. Miller.

LEXINGTON, Ky.—We closed our revival with success. When I came here they had no building and the members were scattered. The Lord showed me a building and we rented it, remodeled and built seats and started about a six weeks' meeting. Four were saved, two sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost and eleven added to the church. We have the altar full every night and there is good interest. Six more are coming into the church this month and several are to be baptized in water.

We are starting another revival, conducted by the state evangelist, Carl M. Hughes and wife. Please keep praying for Lexington.—W. T. Truett, 107 Rand Ave.

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ORANGEBURG, S. C.—We thank God for real salvation. We are moving higher with God and the Holy Ghost, the Comforter. We thank Him for the glorious services we have been having. We were in Winnsboro, S. C., in a three weeks' revival. God poured out His great Spirit and saved precious lost men and women, boys and girls. Two men were under conviction. We left them at the church; they would not go to the altar. When we left we told them if they needed us to send for us. At 11:13 they came to the house. We got out of bed, dressed and went out to pray for them. One of the men got saved, the other got saved in the mill at work the next day. God surely blessed in a great way. Eight were sanctified and eight filled with the Holy Ghost. We left everybody happy and shouting the victory in Jesus' name.

We left Winnsboro and came to Orangeburg. We've been here since Tuesday night and from then until Friday night twelve have received the Holy Ghost. Our state overseer was with us one night at Orangeburg and six received the Holy Ghost that night. Pray for us to be always humble and do the Lord's will in everything.—Brother and Sister L. M. Bishop, Rt. 2, Box 29, Walterboro, S. C.

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FORREST CITY, Ark.—We are in a good meeting with our good Brother Denson. Souls are being saved and the church is happy. The power of God has been falling at each service. There is a fine band of saints here. Our beloved state overseer, Brother Wilma Henry, was with us one night.

We will be busy until the first of the year, then we will be open for calls where old time, scriptural, Holy Ghost revivals are wanted.—Evangelist Geo. White, Gen. Del.

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SAREPTA, Miss.—Thank God for

victory in our souls. We praise God for the three weeks' revival held here by Brother B. H. Jernigan, whom we dearly love and believe to be a true child of God. He is also our district Y. P. E. superintendent. He brought forth messages anointed by the Holy Ghost, and, thank God, some nights He would take control and Brother Jernigan wouldn't get to preach. There were twenty-two saved, eighteen sanctified, fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost, seventeen baptized and added to the church. Bringing the revival to a close didn't close the Holy Ghost. Three have received Him since. Praise God. He has been so wonderful to this little place.

We are making preparations for a church building as we are now having services in the homes. Pray that God will make a way for us. We thank the Lord for every prayer that went up for us. Please continue to pray that we will ever overcome and stand true and be obedient to God.—Mrs. J. W. Busby.

CRICHTON, Ala.—Dear saints, I praise God for His good blessing to me. He has blessed in so many ways it seems like I don't know just how to praise Him. I thank Him for sending us such a good pastor. We ran about a three weeks' revival and God certainly did bless. There were twelve saved, four filled with the Holy Ghost and three added to the church. We had our state overseer with us one night, dear Brother H. L. Whittington. He preached a wonderful sermon. I feel the whole church has been drawn much closer to the Lord. We feel that old Crichton is moving out for God. Our preacher is so good about visiting everybody and praying for the sick. He has such a humble wife; it seems her whole life is dedicated to God and His work.

Our church has organized a W. W. B. with about twelve members and they are surely working. Pray that God will continue to bless us as we strive for God and His Church.—W. B. Broadus, clerk.

## STATE OVERSEERS

All state overseers please favor us with your new address, giving street address, box number and where you can be reached by the nearest telephone.

Thank you very kindly.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

ALABAMA	H. L. Whittington 612 Cherry Ave., Pratt City, Ala.	T. S. Payne R.F.D. 1, Edgewood Grove, Somerset, Pa.
ARKANSAS	Wilma Henry 4618 W. 29th St., Little Rock, Ark.	S. J. Wood Box 1073, Clovis, N. Mex.
ARIZONA	I. L. Benge 211 Chevalier St., Baldwin Park, Calif.	To be supplied I. L. Benge
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COLORADO	S. J. Wood Box 1073, Clovis, N. Mex.	D. C. Boatwright 701 3rd St., N. E., Minot, N. Dak.
CONNECTICUT	Ralph Koszewitz 48 North St., Portland, Me.	E. C. Clark 322 Harrison St., Clarksburg, W. Va.
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MISSOURI	H. L. Marcus Desloge, Mo.	COLORED WORK WESTERN CANADA
MONTANA	M. L. Lowe Box 544, Bigtimber, Mont.	J. H. Curry 417 N. W. 6th Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
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NEW JERSEY		FOREIGN WORK
NEW MEXICO		Missionaries selected by Mission Board and appointments made by General Overseer. Please, missionaries, give us your permanent addresses as early as possible.
NEW YORK		Bahama Islands Barbados Central America (J. H. Ingram has oversight of the work in Central America during C. T. Furman's furlough.)
NEVADA		China Germany Haiti India Mexico Jamaica
NORTH CAROLINA		Paul C. Pitts Herman Lauster J. P. Kluzit Robt. C. Cook J. H. Ingram H. A. Hudson
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## BRIEF REPORTS

"A good report maketh the bones fat," Prov. 15:30.

### District Convention Reports

The Slaton, Tex. district convention convened Nov. 18-20, with our state overseer, Brother H. N. Scoggins, as principal speaker. The Lord's presence was with us in a wonderful way from the first service throughout the whole convention. Brother R. M. Nolan brought the message Friday night. Brother Crutcher preached Saturday morning. Brother White and family of Ranger, Tex. were with us. The White sisters did wonderful singing, which was enjoyed by all. Other special songs were sung by members of the Y. P. E. of this district. Brother White brought a wonderful message Saturday afternoon and Brother Scoggins preached Saturday night. God wonderfully blessed him and everyone said it was the best they ever heard.

He preached Sunday and his message was wonderful, much needed and enjoyed by all. Brother G. E. Anthony preached Sunday afternoon. I can say here again our convention was good. Brother O. Gregory gave a good Sunday School talk Sunday morning.

Please pray for this place that there will be a wonderful work here for God. Our pastor, Brother Roy J. Young, is a wonderful man, has done a good work here the past year and has been a blessing to the church in many ways. Pray that God will bless him and his wife and supply their every need while here.—Edna Runnels.

The Knoxville, Tennessee, district Y. P. E. and Sunday School convention convened at the Eighth Avenue Church of God November 25 and 26 with Brother Max Atkins, State Supt., in charge.

The welcome address was given by the local president. Special music was rendered by the Lenoir City quartet and the Dunn brothers from B. T. S. Short encouraging talks on the Y. P. E. were given by Clell Ray, Joel Brown of B. T. S., J. W. King of the West Knoxville church, and Brother George Britt, pastor of Burlington church. Brief reports from each Y. P. E. were given, showing fine progress. An inspiring message by Brother Atkins was greatly appreciated by us.

Sunday afternoon the house was almost filled. Fifteen ministers were present. The Holy Ghost surely was on the scene blessing and making us to rejoice in His love. Brother J. D. Baney, pastor of the Alcoa church, gave an interesting talk on the "Value of the Sunday School."

A love offering was taken for Brother Atkins. Brother B. F. Cooper, pastor of the West Knoxville church, told us "How to Build Up Our Sunday School." God gave another outpouring of His Holy Spirit, for which we are thankful.

Brother Cooper was appointed district superintendent with Brother J. W. King to assist him.

Special singing by the Lenoir Trio brought the convention to a close. This convention certainly proved a blessing to all present.—Myrtle Biggs, clerk.

### News From Lignite, N. Dak. Church of God

We praise the Lord for His wonderful blessings. God has surely been with us here since the Assembly. Every department of the church is growing.

Brother Boatwright, our state overseer, was with us for a few days and preached some of the best messages we have ever heard. Seven people sought the Lord for salvation while he was here and the altar was full every night.

We invite him back when he can come. Pray for us.—The pastor, J. Andrew Rafferty.

GRANTHAM, Jam., B. W. I.—We certainly praise God for the mighty way in which He blessed us in our eight days and nights of self-denial and fasting services. We can really say God has not forgotten His people, but is truly in these latter days pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh who believe and truly accept God from the heart.

Our bishop and pastor, C. A. Morris, a man truly anointed with the Spirit and power of God, started, at Grantham, on October 30, a combined unity fasting with the attendance of the churches in the circle. The bishop's chief aim was to see the believers in Christ in his circle who are not filled with the Holy Ghost filled.

For the eight days the house was more than filled. We had a fair time, and the sinners from various localities turned out at nights in large numbers. Brother C. A. Morris worked faithfully with the assistance of the saints and officers from the different centers in the circle. Souls were well blessed. The Holy Ghost made His abode in many waiting hearts, causing them to come forth with joy, shouting, dancing and praising God in other languages. Many were sanctified who also rejoiced in the Lord.

Seeing the anxiety in the waiting hearts, the bishop prolonged the meeting the following week after the order of the former meeting. Willingly the

saints worked and the church had God's blessings in return.

We sincerely ask that the saints everywhere pray that God may continue to bless us in Grantham with the Holy Ghost. Also pray for me that my faith may be increased in the Lord.—Joseph Smicle, clerk.

### Praise God For Our L. W. W. B. in Mississippi

I praise God for our L. W. W. B.'s in Mississippi. I praise Him for good old time salvation, also for the way He is blessing in the dear old state of Mississippi. I have been privileged to visit in each church throughout the state, with the exception of six, since the General Assembly, and I am glad to say that our good sisters have a mind to work, for which we praise the Lord.

Now come on, secretaries and treasurers, with your reports promptly, and let's do business for God this year. We can accomplish great things through God who strengthens us. —Mrs. Roy Douglas, Mississippi state superintendent of L. W. W. B., Box 947, Hattiesburg, Miss.

### God Blessing in the Northwest

TOPPENISH, Wash.—Dear Evangel readers, I am a member of the Church of God, saved, sanctified and baptized with the precious Holy Ghost and fire. God is blessing in a wonderful way out here in the Northwest. I truly praise God because He ever laid it on someone's heart to bring the truth into the West.

He has sent us a wonderful man of God to break the bread of life. Brother Alex Duncan is our pastor and he is really on fire for God and preaches the truth. We have learned to love him and his family and believe there are very few pastors like him.

We have a good Sunday School, also a wonderful Y. P. E. Our young people are on fire for God and it is a blessing to work with them. Our services are wonderful and how the power of God does fall. We enjoy the blessings of God many times until the hour of midnight. Sixteen have received the precious Holy Ghost in a short time.

I am glad God honors a clean church. We also have a good state overseer, Brother Camp. We have a nice church at Wapato, Wash., also.

Pray for the work in the Northwest.—Superintendent of Sunday School, Sam Besel, Rt. 1.

HONEA PATH, S. C.—The Willing Workers Band of Honea Path, S. C., has made aprons and pillow cases and quilted twenty-seven quilts and sold them to help pay for new Sunday School rooms.

Please pray for us that we can keep the good work going.—Mrs. Ruth Coleman, president.



## PRAY FOR:

My home and me, the Lord to grant my request, God to heal my children of sores on their body.—Henry Adcock, Rt. 1, Kannapolis, N. C.

Me and my backslidden boy.—Mrs. Sarah Wood, 402 Broadway, Hazard, Ky.

My home and me, save my father and brothers, that mother and I will get to go to church oftener and stand true.—Miss Alice Allen, Rt. 2, Box 29, Sharon, S. C.

My sister in bad health, me to stand true, loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. Ella Baxley, Rt. 1, Dillon, S. C.

Lord to bless our efforts in getting a church building soon.—Charles Platt, LaFrank, W. Va.

Brother J. C. Atkins who has glass in his eye, for Sister Crittinton who is in a bad condition, unspoken request, revival here.—Mrs. J. C. Atkins, 501 W. Stubbs St., Edinburg, Tex.

Complete healing of my body.—Mrs. Pink Pevey, Rt. 2, Meadville, Miss.

Children to be healed of whooping cough, for a friend.—Sarah Sharp, Robbinsville, N. C.

Our baby who has abscess in left ear, has been running for five or six months. Fasting will be appreciated, if you feel led, also an anointed cloth.—Solomon Hastings, Rt. 2, Scottsboro, Ala.

Father who is in serious condition with heart trouble, bad kidneys, hard veins and severe pain in head at times, also swelling. Please write him a letter of encouragement and faith. His address is J. P. Kelly, Gen. Del., Center Hill, Fla. Please fast, if you feel led, for his soul and body.—Mrs. D. L. Wing, evangelist, Gen. Del., Center Hill, Fla.

Healing of my afflicted body, our baby to be protected from whooping cough.—Mrs. Wilson Sharp, Holcomb, Miss.

Complete healing of my broken back, not able to work, to be delivered of many troubles and hard trials, God to give me victory and power.—M. A. Tate, Pemberton, W. Va.

Healing of sores on my legs.—Frances Waddell, Rt. 1, Marks, Miss.

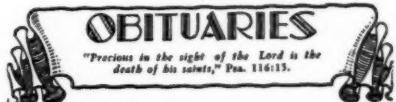
Healing of my sister who has sharp pains around her heart, for brother-in-law in T. B. sanatorium, their souls to be saved, also another unsaved sister and family.—Mrs. Melba Souder, Rt. 1, Kingston, Mo.

God to save my husband, that I will stand true.—Mrs. Martha Nolan, Tribey, Ky.

Wife who is ill with appendicitis and other afflictions. Please fast, if you feel

led. — Edward E. Basham, Box 96, Princeton, W. Va.

Two babies who almost have pneumonia. Fast and pray.—Mrs. Myrtice Wolfe, Nicholls, Ga.



## FREMON

Brother Joe Fremon died Dec. 2, 1938. He was saved.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Minto Brown, Big Rock, Va.

## TANNER

Mrs. Jennie Tanner, faithful member of the Church of God, was born Oct. 10, 1872 and died Dec. 1, 1938.—Her husband, J. W. Tanner, and family, 665 Price St., Morgantown, W. Va.

## EMERSON

Our dear mother died April 23, 1938. She was saved and sanctified. Please pray for us.—Her daughter, Rosie Emerson, Graham, Texas.

## DUNNAWAY

Sister Lucinda Dunnaway, faithful member of the Church at Mt. Sinai, Miss., died Nov. 16, 1938, age sixty-four years.—Dewitt C. Sharp, pastor, Bogalusa, La.

## CAMPBELL

Sister Nancy Ann Campbell, faithful member of the Church of God, was called away. Age seventy-six years.—Mrs. Geo. W. Smith, Tampa, Fla.

## BRIGHT

Our beloved father and husband, William Walker Bright, faithful member of the Church of God, died Dec. 5, 1938; age sixty-seven years, one month and two days.—Lillian Jones, Rt. 2, Chatsworth, Ga.

## SMITH

Joseph R. Smith, evangelist in the Church of God since 1922, died Dec. 8, 1938, age sixty-seven years, ten months and twenty-eight days.—R. C. Ogle, Whitwell, Tenn.

## CRANK

Mrs. Nancy Crank of Alumbaugh, Ky., faithful member of the Church of God, died Nov. 25, 1938.—T. J. Crank, 1306 Azel Ave., Hamilton, Ohio.

## Lord Blessed in Portland, Me.

PORTLAND, Me.—I am very glad for the privilege of speaking in behalf of our church here in Portland, Me. The Lord has blessed in such a wonderful

way. We moved into our new mission and God marvelously supplied our needs.

We have just closed a week of special meetings conducted by Brother R. P. Johnson. How we thank God for these wonderful messages brought forth by the power of God. Our hearts have been encouraged and souls saved, back-sliders reclaimed, and interest is increasing. We thank the Lord for the messages in song by Brother and Sister Tull and Brother Clarence Tull of Maryland.

Brother Ralph Koszewitz is our pastor. We are glad to have Brother and Sister Koszewitz and family with us, also Sister Box of Pennsylvania.

God has been so good to us and we all praise Him for His love and tender mercies to us. We count it a great privilege to have Brother R. P. Johnson with us, and do appreciate the way he has worked for our interest here in Portland, Me. We covet your earnest prayers.—Mrs. Mae L. Gardner, clerk.

## Report From Hobbs, N. Mex.

HOBBS, N. Mex.—Dear Readers, I would like to tell you just how good the Lord has been to me to me, but it would be impossible to name all the good things He has done and is continuing to do.

We thank Him for our new pastor, Brother W. G. Webb, who came here about the middle of October. He has such a gentle, kind spirit and is making us a wonderful pastor. The Sunday School has doubled in number since he has been here, and best of all, the Holy Ghost has been in our midst. Three have been filled with that great Spirit on our regular service nights. Praise the Lord.

A ten nights' meeting has just closed and during that time we were blessed by some real Church of God preaching. Some of our visitors were Brother and Sister S. J. Wood, state overseer and wife, Brother and Sister Ford, pastor and wife at Carlsbad, Brother and Sister McClendon, pastor and wife at Jal, Brother T. M. White, pastor at Ranger, Tex., and his two daughters. Besides Brother Webb's good preaching we heard good sermons from these visiting ministers. Brother J. C. McClendon was in charge of our song service every night and he was a great help in the singing, also the altar service.

We are working for the Lord in a material way too. The church has bought a new piano, papered the church and put shades over our lights to make indirect lighting. This has improved the appearance of the church so much. We also intend to buy some furniture for the parsonage in the near future.

Pray that the Lord will continue to bless us.—Una Dennis, church clerk.

**A King Born in a Stable**

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of millions through the highway of eternity. His government is beyond comprehension. When we think of His majesty, His extent of power to reign, we too fall on our knees as the wise men who came and brought their gifts and laid them at His feet. Can we not reflect now and see these great possibilities resting in the little infant form for, "Unto us a child is born."

"And his name shall be called Wonderful." As being God manifest in the flesh, He is wonderful. As to His conception, birth, preaching, miracles, sufferings, death, resurrection and His ascension, He is wonderful. Wonderful in His person, most wonderful in His working!

"COUNSELLOR." He has been with the Father from eternity. He knows the eternal counsel of God, the aims and ends of every provision for fallen man, and the weakness and wants of our race. He is a true counsellor of man. A counsellor is not only able to give advice but stand near kings and princes to give counsel, but the word involves the thought of giving wise counsel. A man may know a great deal and may be able to express it, and yet not be a counsellor; but our Christ has always been, not only able to counsel, but He has the divine power to guide men and turn them and cause them to escape all they ought to escape and make them to come in contact with all with which they should come in contact. Because there is nothing in our lives so difficult, so insignificant, and so intricate but that He cares, and there is never such a tangled skein but that He can untangle it. He is interested in all you do or say. Others may not have time to listen but He always has time to hear your plea thirty minutes or three hours, the longer the better and the sweeter the fellowship. He knows every tear that gathers on your cheek, every heartache, every sigh, every heave of the breast. He knows and is able to counsel you wisely. He is a wonderful counsellor. Praise the Lord! I love Him this morning. He is able to counsel us contrary to the counsel of the world and lead us into paths of the wisdom of God. He is able to counsel the weak and the unlearned from natural knowledge and give them eternal wisdom to accept the provisions God has made for their souls' eternal welfare. He can take the foolish things of the world and confound the wise, and take the weak things of the world and counsel them to confound the things which are mighty. He takes the base things of the world and things which are despised, yea, and things which are not, and counsel to bring to nought the things that are. Thus we see He is a Wonderful Counsellor.

"A Mighty God." Christ's power is equal to His wisdom, He is wise to plan and allwise to execute. Had He been less than Omnipotent He could not have executed His own counsel. We hear OF HIS POWER as soon as we hear of Him. It is as if God from all eternity guards the deity of Christ when He said, "He was in the beginning with God." It is added, "All things were made by him" and "without him was not anything made that was made." It is also said, "In him was life."

Some desire to delve into this subject from a standpoint of logic, but we are satisfied here with the first and best form of evidence of any fact; that is, we have it in EXPERIENCE, thus we know "Christ the Son of righteousness." "The Mighty God." We see Him by faith and walk in His light and feel the warmth of His love.

"Everlasting Father." He is the Father of eternity, the origin of all being and the cause of existence, and particularly the Father of the spirit of all flesh. He cannot only do what we have hinted here but He can keep it up forever. He not only can do it once but He can do it again. Yes, what He did for the prophets and martyrs He can do for us today. He is doing them for some of us. What He did for you yesterday He can do for you tomorrow. He is the everlasting Father. Thank God for a thing that will not fail. Our salvation will never crumble. About us we see everything growing old, decaying and passing away, but our hope and the possibilities of our eternal salvation are resting with the everlasting Father. Praise God! All is as bright and fresh as the morning dew and is as sure as time and eternity exists. The great nations of this world have boasted of their centers of power, their kingdoms, their thrones, and emperors of earth, but look how they have gone down to oblivion, yet the people who have had the "everlasting Father" have scattered all their foes, outlived their enemies, blazed and burned and shone for God and will go on forever. Pharaoh is now only a withered old mummy in a glass case in British Museum, but Moses stands out as the most illustrious character of all that century. What is Caesar anyway, but a part of the dust that goes to make up old Rome? but Paul is still preaching to millions of people this hour. What has become of Nebuchadnezzar's grandeur? I am told that his splendid magnificence cannot be identified. But the prophecies of Daniel will live on and are just now reaching their most glorious fulfillment. Many of the great men of earth are almost forgotten but the men who have walked with God in the past, however humble, are walking with Him today over the hilltops of glory; they will come with Him in the

clouds when He comes back to this world. Thank God for something that will never get old, "The Everlasting Father."

"The Prince of Peace." He is not only the author of peace and the dispenser of peace but also He rules by peace, whose rule tends always to perfection and produces prosperity. This distinguishes our Christ from the kings and princes who have delighted in conquest and bloodshed and made themselves distinguished because they loved that sort of thing. Our Christ is just the opposite, He loves peace and declares it everywhere He goes. It was separation from God that destroyed our peace, but, thank God! we have found in this Babe of Bethlehem all that is needed to reunite us to God, which qualifies us and re-establishes in us the reign of peace. We can now have this sabbath-like rest, this holy hush, this tranquil stillness which can never be explained, nor can the world ever take it away from us. Through Him we have that peace which passeth understanding.

When our Lord shall come again the nations of earth will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks, and they will learn war no more. He will then reign on His father David's throne, thence peace will cover the earth, as the King of peace rules and reigns. We should like to introduce this Prince of Peace to all of you who do not know Him. He will take all your cares, answer all your questions, satisfy every longing, rest your tired soul, and cause you to smile, laugh and rejoice. We hardly know why but the peace of God floods your being and every time a wave comes in it will only cut deeper channels for fuller tides and you will go on and on in this holy peace. There is no stopping His program, for the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end. Thank the Lord! We love Him today. We praise Him for what He has been to man—our prophet, He is now our High Priest, and He will be our coming King, where peace rules supremely. We who have the earnestness of the Spirit now have the qualifications necessary to live in that peaceful reign. The thought now gladdens and thrills our hearts, and makes us more determined to ever seek the divine will of this WONDERFUL PRINCE OF PEACE.

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Some people will say, "I am willing to do anything for the sake of peace and harmony," but when it comes to the doing, it is usually anything but submit.

To be able to settle our difficulties and misunderstandings without becoming unsettled ourselves, we must enter into all of our deliberations with the spirit of submission.

**NOTICES**

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this age. Don't fail to make use of this opportunity, for the beauties of these lovely islands and the blessings of this glorious jubilee will more than repay the little sacrifice that you might have to make. There are quite a few boats with good passenger accommodations plying between Miami and Nassau, also a daily air mail service.

We will be looking for you, for you are welcome and should you decide that you will not lose this opportunity, kindly drop us a card to Box 941, Nassau, N. P., letting us know to look for you, and whether you will fly or sail. We will be at the dock or airport awaiting you. Come! Come!! Come!!

Kindly remember us in prayer that God will grant us a great, and glorious, and successful convention. DON'T FORGET THE DATES—Jan. 4-8, inc.—William R. Franks, overseer of Bahamas.

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To the Churches of God in Pennsylvania: Our work throughout the state is progressing nicely. Both ministers and laity seem to be encouraged and are loyally doing their part. The plan for raising funds to pay for the state camp ground is being worked by several of our faithful ministers and others will be at it within the next few days. We take our hats off to Brother J. A. Muncy, pastor of the Somerset, Pa. church, who was the first to turn in his quota. He was assisted by Brother J. M. Smith, who rendered valuable service. Three big cheers for these faithful brethren!

Please help your pastors put this plan over and we will shout together when this debt is paid. We are arranging for special rally day in every church in the state in honor of our faithful ministers who have had to lay their armor down on account of old age. Sunday, Feb. 5, 1939, is the day on which each pastor will be expected to raise a sum equal to ten cents per member of your congregation. Then, on the following day, mail check or money order to your state overseer for the full amount and we will mail our check to the General Secretary and Treasurer. Be sure to remember the date and do not fail to act. If you have any doubts, begin to work at the job now and all doubts will fly away. Laymen, please remember your pastor with, not only your prayers, but with your tithes, offerings, poundings. Smile while he preaches the truth to you. It will give you victory while you live and keep you out of the lake after death. Be sure to be at church so he can see you while he preaches.

Several good revivals are now on in the state. One is at Somerset where about thirty have prayed through. Brother C.

E. Glenn reports a good revival on at Markleysburg. One will start soon at Acosta. Those desiring Minutes of the last General Assembly, order of the Church of God Publishing House, Cleveland, Tenn. We are visiting the churches as rapidly as we can. Look for us at your place next.

Pray especially for the unsaved. Get a revival going at your place just as soon as you possibly can. Let's beg the Lord to make this the best year for the Church of God this state has ever seen. Our goal is, at least, two good revivals in each church this year and pay our camp ground out of debt. Pray for your overseer.—T. S. Payne.

**EDITORIALS**

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*upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder,*" Prov. 23:29-32.

It has always been strange to the writer that men would take this sacred day to drink. I have known people who wouldn't touch whiskey or wine on any other day but would use it on Christmas Day. I have heard Christians say that they always liked an eggnog on Christmas Day. I feel that this is the wrong way to celebrate the birthday of Jesus. If there is a day in the whole year that should be spent in sobriety and worship, it is this day.

I was well acquainted with a man who was a steward in the church. He was never known to be drunk, but on Christmas Day he always had a mixture of wine for this special occasion, and thought it perfectly all right to use this on Christmas morning. I thought how inconsistent this precious man was. I have heard him tell his neighbors what kind of wine to get in order to prepare this drink that he prized so highly on Christmas morning.

Millions of dollars will be spent for strong drink on this day of all days, when the entire human family should be sober and prayerful. There are many other ways that this day may be spent that are not according to holiness. Dancing and merrymaking in many ways, especially the way some carry on, is not pleasing to God. Oh, there are so many ways that people spend this day that I am sure are out of harmony with God's plan. I wonder sometimes if the human family really realizes how sober and honest they ought to be on this day. May the Lord help us to be sober and prayerful so that our good example might shine out a light to this world.

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warrior, and unless we are clad in the

whole armor of God and endued with His power, we are not spiritually equipped for this ministry.

We must also apprehend the triumph of the cross over these evil powers, and then seek, in union with the Lord, to claim victory and to free those who are held captive by Satan. How often it is that in prayer ministry we are brought into fellowship with Christ in His sufferings, for the soul must travail in pain, if it really enters into the agonizing needs of the world. As soldiers of the cross, we must not shrink from the conflict and suffering of prayer warfare. More urgent than ever before, is the need to strengthen prayer force for missionary work in all lands, in view of the greatly increased activities of the powers of darkness in these last days. How much time are we giving daily to the work of intercession? What is our prayer ministry really accomplishing for God in the dark regions of the earth, in the hearts of those that seek their own joy? What profound need also there is for more sacrificial giving.

It must be remembered that our gifts are an important factor in the work of the kingdom. It is in our power greatly to help missionary enterprise by regular systematic giving. By this means we have definite partnership with those out in the field, whom we are helping to support. What untold wealth could be released, if only Christians would realize their solemn obligation before God, for the great work of The Church of God. How shall they preach except they be sent? This is the vital question to be faced by those who cannot go forth themselves to take the gospel message. The silver and the gold must not be withheld. The principle of giving is very clearly defined in God's Word, the law concerning the tithe is very strict. It is not a question of giving this portion to God, for it belongs to Him. The prophet Malachi pointed out that, by withholding the tithes and offerings, the whole nation was robbing God. And, in the full blaze of gospel light, are we to give less than the law demanded? How clear is the command "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase." Have we thus been honoring the Lord, and is it the firstfruits we offer, or only what we can spare after our own expenditure? Let us pray earnestly that there may be a revival of giving amongst us, and that fresh help may be speedily forthcoming for more aggressive missionary service in all lands. The unparalleled crisis of today demands an unparalleled response. Imperative is the call to more aggressive effort in all our service for the Master and His Church.—I am your humble servant in His field, Paul C. Pitt.

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8 ¶ "Jé-hôr'-á-chin was eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jé-rú'-sá-lém three

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